
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, May 11, 2022

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7280](#)

BY Edwards, Williams, Solomon, Diaz, Slater, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS {LC3697/1} (Amends the definition of public works so that it would include any public works projects performed for any city or town or quasi-municipal entity and the state and any quasi-state entity.)

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7630](#)

BY Hull, Speakman, J Lombardi, Morales, Slater, Fellela, Williams, Ranglin-Vassell, McLaughlin, Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- INSURANCE BENEFITS {LC5106/1} (Provides that adjunct faculty members at any state college or university who teach at least 50% of the hours regularly worked by full-time faculty in a semester would be eligible for the same medical benefits as other state employees.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7643](#)

BY Roberts, Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- INDEPENDENT MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS {LC3902/1} (Eliminates the \$2,500 appropriation for the naval militia battalion in their armory afloat, the U.S.S. Providence, and makes an annual appropriation in the amount of \$2,500 to the Kingston Reds in the town of Coventry for the rental of an armory.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7774](#)

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Edwards, Kennedy, Kazarian, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT {LC5230/1} (Makes numerous technical amendments to the statutes on taxes and corporations, associations and partnerships.)

03/03/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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03/04/2022 Committee transferred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7925](#)

BY Edwards, Diaz, Bennett, Williams, Shanley, Solomon, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES {LC3696/1} (Increases the maximum state and municipal small purchase limits from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for construction projects and from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for all other state and municipal purchases.)

03/07/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7928](#)

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATE TAX OFFICIALS {LC5229/1} (Defines "large business registrant" and requires the large business registrant to file returns and remit taxes electronically with fines for failure to do so.)

03/07/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7929](#)

(Office of Management and Budget)

BY Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE - REFUNDING BOND AUTHORITY {LC5189/1} (Changes the designations of "state budget office" to the "office of management and budget".)

03/07/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8171](#)

BY Nardone, P Morgan

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$3,000,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO THE CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED DELIVERY OF FIRE SUPPRESSION AND EMS SERVICES AND TO TRANSFORM THE DISTRICT FROM ITS EXISTING 3-PLATOON STAFFING MODEL TO A 4-PLATOON MODEL {LC5817/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$3,000,000 to the Central Coventry Fire District to ensure the continued delivery of fire suppression and EMS services and the transformation to a 4-platoon staffing model.)

04/27/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8179](#)

BY Carson

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$150,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT {LC5855/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$150,000 to the Department of Environmental Management.)

04/28/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8180](#)

BY Carson

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$150,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT {LC5856/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$150,000 to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for the creation of a public relations and communications plan.)

04/28/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8181](#)

BY Carson

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT {LC5857/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$250,000 to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for the creation of a climate dashboard.)

04/28/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8193](#)

(by request)

BY Cortvriend, Carson

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$200,000 TO CONNECT GREATER NEWPORT {LC3776/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$ 200,000 to Connect Greater Newport.)

04/29/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8206](#)

BY McEntee, Azzinaro, Casimiro, Casey, Edwards, Baginski, Fogarty, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT {LC5889/1} (Removes the requirement that (5%) of the hotel tax be paid to the Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors Bureau and redistribute the (5%) tax to the regional tourism district where the hotel or residential unit is located.)

05/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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PROCEDURAL INFORMATION:

TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM

The meeting will be televised live by Capitol Television on Cox Communications (channels 15, 61, and 1061 for high definition), Full Channel (on 15) and Verizon (on channel 34). Livestreaming is available at <https://www.rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx>.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Send written testimony to: HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov

Testimony must include: your name, bill number and viewpoint (for/against/neither).

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IN PERSON TESTIMONY

Individuals may testify in person, not by telephone. Sign-up sheets are available in/outside the hearing room. Signs/posters/pictures are not allowed to be displayed inside hearing room.

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